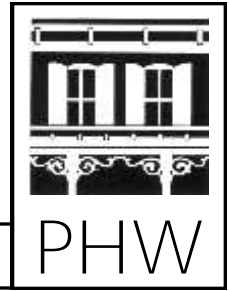


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Lunch and Learn with PHW

The spring "lunch and learn" lecture series is gaining momentum and looks to become a fixture of PHW's roster of activities. PHW would like to extend our thanks to Jim Vickers of the OakCrest Companies for allowing PHW the use of the conference room (and soon the basement bar) of the Lewis-Jones Knitting Mill at 126 N. Kent Street. The facilities have proven pitch-perfect for the lecture series. The first two lectures on storm windows and brick repair attracted about 36 attendees and sparked lively question and answer sessions and discussions on best techniques and practices.

We hope to see similar interest for future events. Two more lectures will be held in May to finish off the spring series. On May 7, David Edwards and Joanie Evans will present an overview of the Virginia DHR. Then on May 15, John Willingham will speak from a developer's standpoint on using historic tax credits in a project.

Turn in your Panera Bread lunch orders through PHW by May 5 for the DHR lecture and by May 13 for the tax credit lecture. RSVPs for those bringing a lunch are appreciated to help us prepare the room and provide enough drinks. If you forget to RSVP, don't worry! You can still attend.

Thank you to everyone who has attended the first two lectures and especially for those attendees who have completed the feedback forms. The Education Committee wants to make these lectures not only informative but relevant to your needs, so your feedback is vital. If you have not been able to attend a lecture, we still want your input for future topics that will be of use to you. Complete the enclosed survey on page 3 of this newsletter and return it to PHW to have your opinions heard! ♦



Jay Reyher demonstrates interior and exterior storm windows on March 14.

Interns and PHW

PHW is pleased to announce several interns will be working with Sandra Bosley at the PHW office this summer and fall. If someone you know is considering an internship in history or historic preservation, have them send a resume and a short cover letter with their expectations and the time of the internship to PHW. We are at capacity for interns this year, but apply early for slots in 2014! ♦

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Check Up Your Property This Spring

With the weather turning warmer, it's time to inspect your property and see what repairs you may have to do this spring and summer. If you don't know where to start, take some tips from PHW while you check your house top to bottom. This checklist assumes your house is in good shape and only requires ongoing maintenance – your checklist will be longer if your building is still a work in progress or needs some TLC.

Roof

- ◇ From the exterior, using binoculars from the ground or accessing the roof directly, look for warping and bare spots in the roof coverings. Any gap in the roof protection is an invitation for water intrusion, a major concern for any building.
- ◇ Examine flashing, especially around chimneys, valleys, and flat and low-sloped roof decks to ascertain it is still watertight and directing water properly.
- ◇ Clean gutters and downspouts of debris and check for signs of leakage around joints and against the side of the house.
- ◇ Check that splash blocks are in place and water is draining away from the foundation.
- ◇ Even when no problems were visible from the exterior, examine inside the attic for signs of water staining and wood rot, especially around chimneys, vent pipes, valleys and eaves in the roof.

Exterior Walls

- ◇ Inspect all sides of the house for loose or damaged siding materials and failing paint.
- ◇ Check masonry walls for staining and/or efflorescence, usually signs of water intrusion.
- ◇ Check wood siding for signs of rot, particularly around the vulnerable areas of windowsills, downspouts, and the foundation.

◇ Check windows and doors for loose or broken glass, loose sashes, and deterioration of wood or metal frames.

- ◇ Examine architectural features such as porches, shutters and decorative trim for signs of deterioration.

Foundation

- ◇ Look for signs of water intrusion, especially around downspouts. Look for moss, efflorescence, or staining as clues on potential moisture problems.
- ◇ Evaluate the condition of the exterior of the foundation, looking for gaps and cracks in the masonry and mortar.
- ◇ Examine plantings near the house, as plants too close to the foundation can often cause secondary problems with intrusive roots or climbing feelers, excessive moisture retention, or drawing unwanted insects.

Basement/Crawl space

- ◇ Check for dampness, mold, or musty odors as signs of high moisture levels in the basement.
- ◇ Evaluate the condition of the masonry and mortar on the interior, looking for gaps and cracks or water staining and/or efflorescence.
- ◇ Examine wooden joists for signs of mold, rot, water staining, and insect damage.

Need some additional resources while inspecting your home to prepare against disasters? You may find the resources at the National Trust for Historic Preservation of great use. Find topics such as fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, weatherization tips, and even liability coverage for your irreplaceable historic resources at www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/disaster-recovery/. ♦

Preservation of Historic Winchester Lunch & Learn Lecture Series Survey

Your comments are greatly appreciated and will contribute to the planning of our future educational efforts. If you prefer, you may also find a link to an online version of this survey at www.phwi.org/lectures.php. Thank you for your participation!

1) What time of day is best for you to attend a lecture (check one)?

- Morning (Before noon) Lunch hour (Noon-1 PM)
 Afternoon (1PM-5PM) Evening (After 5 PM)

2) Assuming the lectures continue to be held during the lunch hour, would you ever buy a boxed lunch through PHW? Why or why not?

3) Would you ever attend a lecture with a modest (\$5) admission fee? Why or why not?

4) What types of presentations do you prefer (check all that interest you)?

- Technical information/product reviews of things I might want for my property
 Hands-on demonstrations of techniques I can do myself
 History-based or topic-based presentations where I learn something interesting
 Building tours or walking tours
 Other (please explain) _____

5) What potential topics interest you (check all that interest you)?

- Historic building maintenance or repair topics
 "Green" building and energy efficiency
 How to research the history of your house
 History of Winchester and the Historic District
 How to identify architectural styles
 An "Antiques Roadshow" type of event
 Other (please explain) _____

6) Any other comments or suggestions for future lecture series?

Thanks for your Renewals!

Your membership dollars keep PHW an active and vital organization. Thanks to everyone below for joining or renewing a membership to PHW from July-December 2012.♦

Welcome, new members!

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Thank you for your renewals!

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Recognizing Preservation Excellence

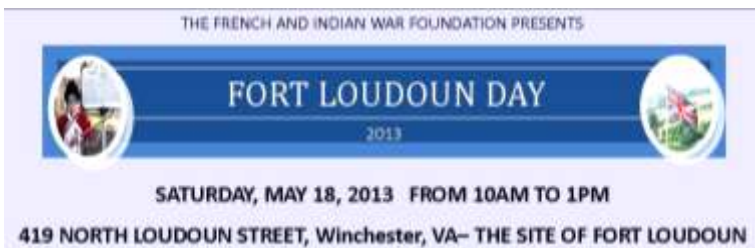
May is National Preservation Month, and for this year's celebration, PHW has collected all of our previous preservation award winners stretching back to 1980 to recognize them on our website. If you're curious about what buildings, people, and businesses have been recognized for preservation excellence, please visit www.phwi.org/awards.php.

We also need your help to make sure the list is accurate, as many award years were compiled from handwritten working notes in addition to official

minutes and event programs. We want to correct any misspellings or errors in attribution.

If you know of a project deserving of recognition for a PHW award this year, there's still time to send in your nominations. But hurry — we'll be deciding the final slate of this year's preservation award winners on May 13. Drop your nominations off at the PHW office at the Hexagon House, 530 Amherst St., or email them to us at phwi@verizon.net. ♦

Fort Loudoun Day on May 18, 2013



Join the French and Indian War Foundation for a journey back in time at the location of Fort Loudoun in Winchester, 419 N. Loudoun St. on May 18 from 10 AM-1 PM. Tours begin at 10 AM, to be followed by guest speaker Larry Johnson at 11 AM, essay contest results at 11:30 AM, and the flag raising at noon. Don't miss the interactive display presented by Dr. David Clark to learn how an archeological dig functions.

This event will be held rain or shine and is free and open to the public. To learn more, visit the French and Indian War Foundation's website at www.fiwf.org. ♦

Revisiting the Noakes and Grim-Moore Houses

PHW was thrilled to be able to show the Noakes House at 201 South Braddock Street in its completed state on March 9. John Chesson not only shared his project with us every step of the way, but also shared artifacts and items from the house for a silent auction to benefit PHW. The silent auction items raised a total of \$1710 for PHW and our projects. Thank you to everyone who bid and to those who just stopped by to see the house. It was a fantastic event.

The following week, PHW visited the Grim-Moore house at 510-512 South Loudoun Street for the second annual Poker Party. Guests were able to see a slideshow of the renovation of that house spanning 1977-1982. Long-time PHW members may recall it was a Revolving Fund property purchased by Bill and

Virginia Miller. The house had been cut up into numerous apartments with multiple additions to the rear and sides of the building. During the project, unexpected issues with rot and foundation failure cropped up, but the Millers persevered and saved a "junky looking" building from probable demolition.

If you were unable to attend the event, we have been working hard behind the scenes at PHW, not only scanning but also transcribing all of Virginia Miller's notes in the photo album she put together on the Grim-Moore house. Take some time and visit the album at bit.ly/10G5fsp and remind yourself of the work our early PHW members put into saving these historic houses. This is what PHW is all about! ♦



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Upcoming Events

Friday Photos

Watch the PHW blog for photos from PHW's collection each Friday through the summer and fall.

May 7: The Virginia Department of Historic Resources: Putting Virginia's History to Work

PHW lunch and learn lecture starting at noon at 126 N. Kent St., main conference room.

May 15: How to Utilize State and Federal Historic Tax Credits

PHW lunch and learn lecture starting at noon at 126 N. Kent St., basement bar.

May 15: Handley Library and the American Renaissance in Architecture and Art

Dr. Richard Guy Wilson, Professor in Architecture History at University of Virginia, will speak at the Friends' of the Handley Library Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., Handley Library Auditorium.

May 17 & 18: Old Town Mall Rededication

The ribbon cutting will start at 4 p.m. on May 17, and social activities are planned for May 18. Come enjoy the "new" Mall!

May 18: Fort Loudoun Day 2013

It's almost time for this free event hosted by the French and Indian War Foundation. See the article on page 5 for details.

May 25: Charley Rouss Day at the Visitor's Center

Professors Warren Hofstra and Woody Bosquet will lead the presentation on Rouss Springs at the Visitor's Center.

June 15: Annual Meeting at the Hexagon House

PHW's 49th Annual Meeting will be held June 15 at the Hexagon House. Watch the mail for your invitation! ♦

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